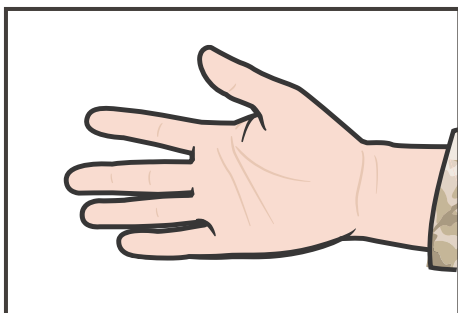


RADIAL PULSE ASSESSMENT



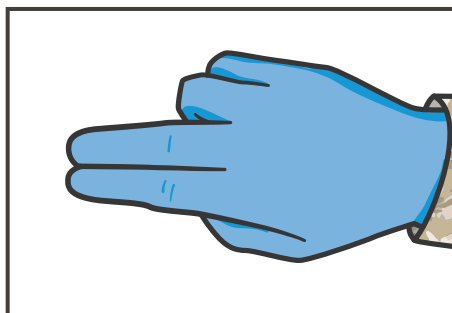
CONSIDER body substance isolation.

NOTE: If a Combat Lifesaver is available, direct them to assist.



01 POSITION the casualty's hand with the palm facing up.

NOTE: In this position, you should see a ligament elevated underneath the skin.



02 ALIGN the middle and index fingers of your dominant hand.



03 PLACE your fingers next to the ligament on the same side as the casualty's thumb.

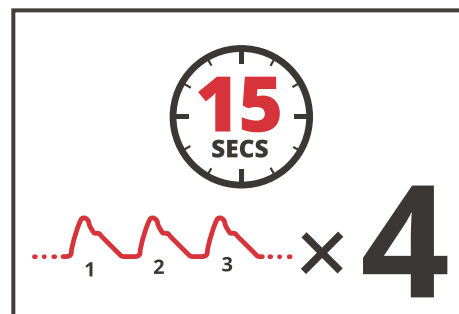
NOTE: If your fingers are on the hard surface of the wrist bones, move them down and along the ligament until they reach a softer area.



04 PRESS your fingers into the hollow space to feel the radial artery beneath the skin.



05 With a timing device, **COUNT** the beats of the pulse for 15 seconds.

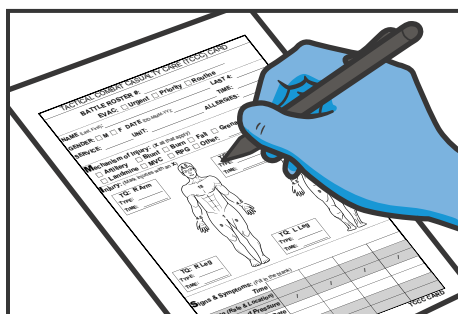


06 MULTIPLY that number by four and you will have the casualty's pulse rate (in beats/minute).

STEP 4 NOTE: If you cannot feel the pulse, press a little harder, being careful not to hurt the casualty.

STEP 4 NOTE: If you are still having trouble locating the radial artery, slide your fingers up and along the ligament until you reach the bottom of the wrist bones.

STEP 4 NOTE: At the point where the hollow space meets the wrist bones, the pulse is easier to feel.



07 DOCUMENT all findings and treatments on a DD Form 1380 TCCC Casualty Card and attach it to the casualty.